WANT TO ANNEX CUBA. He Commends the Sugar and Tabacco Clauses and Other Features of the Spanish Treaty, and Puts in a Word for the Mearagua Business-The Constitutional Question.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 .- The following selfexplanatory letter in regard to the Spanish treaty has been written by Secretary Freling-huysen and was sent this afternoon to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, } WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 1884.

tall John F. Hitter, Chairman of the Committee on RIE: I have received your letter asking shether there are any political considerations important to this country relating to the treaty between the United States and Spain as to Cuba and Porto Rico, and also inquiring of me whether I have any suggestions to make in enswer to the objections to the treaty, which rou assume I have noticed.

The negotiation of this convention was un-

dertaken pursuant to the policy which had al-ready received the sanction of Congress, manifested by appropriations originating in the House for Commissioners to negotiate a com-mercial convention with Mexico, and for a Commission to Central and South America, to ascertain the means of fostering more intimate relations of amity and commerce with them. The same policy had obtained the approval of the Senate by its ratification of the convention with Mexico.

The convention now before you in its politi-

al aspect is of importance. Some have thought that there is a disposition in the United States looking to the annexation of Cuba. Such ac-tion would be unwise, for reasons which are secomplished by general consent, our insti-ions would be endangered by this beginning a colonial system or by an incorporation into healy points of a large population not in ire sympathy with our governmental sims

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bly raise. Her to some of the objections the Spanish convention, and that we thereby give up a revenue of from \$25,000,000 to \$25,000,000. In re-

i for a reduction of duties upon our prod-exported into Cuba and Porto Rico, es-sted on the basis of the existing traffic, at 1\$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The relinquish-to revenue, when for the public good, is is line of the national policy hitherto. It done in the case of tea and coffse, which, he act of May 1, 1872, were piaced upon the list without attemot to obtain therefor any valent whatever, and solely in obedience to oppular demand for a "free breakfast table." his measure the Treasury of the United es has jost during the last tweive years revenue of some one hundred and r-four millions of dollars on coffee e; and besides, let us not forzet Brazil availed itself of the action of Government to impose an export tax upon enument to impose an export tax upon high deprived the people of this coun-e benefit of our tariff reduction. Ar-of this convention prevents similar

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Another line of adverse argument remains to considered. It is said that this class of realiss are infringement upon the constitutional rights of Congress, in that they change they share they are the convention of the case of the convention of the conve islation of Congress should be necessary to give it force. This rule, the precedent for which is found in pravious treaties of this character, has been followed in the subsequent treaty negotiations and the steps taken the reto have been conducted under the sanction given by Congress to the general poticy of fostering intimate trade with the neighboring counties. I observe that a constitutional amendment has been introduced in Congress that the Senate and House of Representatives shall be joined to the Executive as the treaty-making power. Such amendment would not avoid the necessity of the Faccutive conducting the negotiations for a treaty, subject, of course, to the railleastion of the accordance branch. The preventive of the House of Representatives has in all these treaties been abundantly secured by a provision that they should not take effect until a bill originating in the House had made the laws affecting the revenue conform thereto.

The precedents are against the position that negotiations of this class are inconsiliational. From the foundation of the Government, beaching with the time when the Administration was in the hands of the men who framed the Constitution itself, and may therefore be assumed to have best understood its import and see, e public treaties affecting the revenues have been concluded by the President and carried into effect by the legislation of Congress without admission of a doubt as to the entire constitutionality of the proceeding. A few examples among many hay be cited. First in order comes the treaty of 1794 with Great Britain which stipulated for commercial crivileges and examples in the control of the imposition of tomace dues on British years by Congress. The treaty of 1803 with France for the sequisition of Louisiana stipulated for special favors to French and Spanish goods and vessels in the coded territory during

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the term of twelve years, potwithstanding any general regulations as to trade and navigation which Congress might make. The treaty of 1815 with Great Britain changed existing legislation as to discriminating duties. The treaty of 1831 with France contains special tariff provisions. The Canadian reciprocity treaty with Great Britain of 1854, and the reciprocity treaty of 1875 with the Hawaiian Islands, both contained the provision that they should not become operative until the necessary laws to carry them into effect should have been enacted by Congress. In approval of all these treaties the required legislation was passed. In short, the precedents are in lawer of the constitutional negetiation of treaties affecting the revenues by the President, subject to approval by the Senate and to the legislative cooperation of Congress, has been the legislative cooperation of Congress in carrying out their provisions.

The only object which the Executive has had in view in the negotiation of the convention now awaiting the action of Congress, has been the best interest of the republic, and in endeavoring to realize this the intimations of the purposes and desires of Congress have served as a guide. As the action of the Executive, so taken, is in every case to be subject to the decision of the Senate and the representatives of the people, I do not doubt that the result aimed at will be reached.

If the Spanish treaty does not meet the approval of the legislative branch of the Government, the representatives of the popular will cannot fall, I trust, to perceive that the President has made an earnest effort to remove from the field of dispute a subject of contention as far as Cuba and Porto Rice are concerned, and to secure lasting and increasing benefit to our agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interests, and to the people of the Union and full protection to the persons and property of our citizens sbroad. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient service.

FREDERICK T. FRELINGHUYSEN.

BROOKS & DICKSON'S TROUBLES. Mr. Brooks Compinies of Partner Randall,

The petition filed in the Supreme Court by Joseph Brooks, of the theatrical firm of Brooks & Dickson, asks for an injunction to restrain his copartners, James B. Dickson and James A. Randall, from disposing of the firm's assets and requests that a receiver be appointed. A summons has been issued by Judge Donohue calling upon the defendants to appear before him at the Special Term of the Supreme Court, in Chambers, at 11 A. M. on Monday next.

In his affidavit, Mr. Brooks says that previous to July 1, 1884, the firm had an excellent reputation and many valuable contracts. On that date Mr. Randall, a Detroit lawyer, was that date Mr. Randall, a Detroit lawyer, was admitted into the partnership. He was to have a one-third interest, for which he was to pay \$10,000 in cash, and was to give a promissory note for \$5,000. If the profits for one year amounted to \$45,000, his note was also to be paid. In case the profits did not reach \$45,000, but exceeded \$30,000, a proportionate sum was to be paid. It was understood that these payments were to be for the one-third interest and not for a share in the capital stock.

Mr. Brooks goes on to say that Mr. Randall drew up the agreement, and it was signed by Mr. Dickson and himself without careful perusal, they trusting in his honesty. Mr. Randall so worded the agreement as to emble him to get back the money he had paid, which belonged to the old firm of Brooks. A Dickson, as well as one-third of the profits. He says Mr. Randall did not in any way exert himself to aid the firm, as required by the agreement. While the business is solvent, it cannot be further carried on for want of funds. No member of the firm is willing to wind up affairs, he says, the defendants refuse to agree to any plan that will pay the creditors. He further says that Mr. Randall uses part of their offices at 44 West Twenty-third street for a sleeping apartment, and refuses to pay anything therefor, although it is worth \$30 per month.

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"The Morgue and all the hotels and hospitals have been searched without avail. He certainly had no intention of going away, for he deposited money in the Sixth National Bank on Monday morning, and made an entry of the amount in his books when he returned home. He had then only \$100 in his possession, and he gave his wife half of that. His office business was left uncompleted. Taking into consideration Dr. Brandeis's temperate habits and his manner of living. I feel certain that his disappearance is involuntary."

Mr. Dormitzer also said that the Doctor always carried documents about him that would tell who he was and that if he lost his mind or was taken suddenly ill nearly all the physicians connected with the city hospitals would recognize him.

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Dr. Brandeis's desk was broken open yesterday. It contained a small sum of money and a partly linished letter for his mother. Many of the Doctor's friends think he is the victim of

foul play.

Detectives are looking for the Doctor in many cities within a radius of 200 miles of the city, and the search will be further extended.

One Christmas Tree Out of 160,000-John Foley's Nine Children Made Happy.

An immense Christmas tree, illuminated with colored tapers and bloaseming with rare gifts, shadowed the rich carpets in the parior of the brownstone dwelling No. 20 East Neventy-third street on Christmas Eve. The nine motheriess children of Mr. John Foley danced around the tree with smiling faces. Master John was in ecstasies over a handsome silver plated bicycle, valued at \$150; Miss Madeleine plucked

Lawrence S. Kane, late financial editor of the Times, was buried from his residence in tlarfield place, Brootlyn, yesterday afternoon. The coffin was sur-rounded with floral testimonials from personal friends. A column of rare exotics, a token of romembrance from A column of rare excites, a token of remembrance from its associates on the Times, filled the pariors with perfuse. Senator John J Kiernan, ex Congression Daniel Okcily, George F Williams, Mr. Miller, editor in chief of the Times John C. Hennessy, Amos F Larned, Col. Cherge W Gubons, the Hon Thomas Francis (thioma, Mr Theodore Roach, the four brothers of the deceased, and other ecquaintances and relatives were present. The pall bearers were Rarciay Galaxher, Wm. Young, George S Taylor, F. W. Eddy, Wm. Kenny, White Holly, K. B. Taber, and Amos J. Cummings, all fellow fournalists and old associates of Mr. Kane. The body was placed in a vault in the Cemetery of the Holy Cross at Flatush, Function services were heid in the chapet, the Rev Father McHugh officiating.

The Astro-Meteorological Phenomena of the New Year.

Every one directly or indirectly interested in out-door business enterprises should be sure to get the carefully

prepared weather record for the entire year 1885, based on most reliable scientific data, which will be printed in to morrow's Sunday Mercury.—Adv.

CITY FATHERS SUBPŒNAED THE GRAND JURY INQUIRING INTO

An Amduvit Accusing the Mayor of Bargain ing and Others Directed at Certain Alder-mon-One Ir junction Taken Of the Board. Judge Lawrence dissolved vesterday the injunction granted by Judge Andrews, re-straining the Board of Aldermen from acting as Aldermen. The injunction was granted in a quo warranto suit brought last February by the "Wolf Board of Aldermen," who main-tained that the law of 1873, providing for the election of Aldermen, and the amendments subsequently enacted were unconstitutional. Judge Lawrence says the law is perfectly well settled that in an action in the nature of a quo warranto an injunction will never be issued in this State pendente lite restraining the party in possession of the office from exercising the

functions thereof.

That the injunction had been dissolved was known by the time the Board met in the after-ternoon. It was also well understood that however much at liberty it might be to do so, the Board would not take Fitz John Porter off the table.

The Board revived the old wrangle about

paying the cierks of the Board of Canvassers,

but came to no agreement. They adjourned The sensation of the day was the service of summonses upon Aldermen Waite, Fullgraff, Sheils, Miller, Duffy, Sayles, DeLacy, Farley, Shells, Miller, Duffy, Sayles, DeLacy, Farley, and McCabe to appear before the Grand Jury on Monday. The papers served were ordinary Grand Jury summonses, and contained no explanation of the subject of the proposed inquiry. Mr. Charles P. Miller, of the Citizens' Committee that nominated Grace for Mayor, appeared in the chamber coincidently with the service of the summonsee and served several of them personally.

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The Aldermen who got the subpenas professed not to know what they were expected to testify about. The Tammany men looked upon it as an indication of another attempt to the up the Aldermen with legal proceedings until after, the expiration of their terms of office. The County Democracy men retorted that there was no need of that, because there was no chance anyhow of gotting Gen. Porter's name off the table. Here are some sample opinions:

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Betcetives Looking for Him to Many Cities—Fears of Foul Play.

No trace has yet been found of Dr. Richard C. Brandels, who left his house on last Monday afternoon, and has not since been seen. Hundreds of the medical friends and patients of the missing man called at his house yesterday, hoping to receive some assurance of his safety.

A lady, who had been under his treatment, called at the house in the morning for medical

o you know what your subporns means?" o, I don't."

"Not that I know of."
"Do you know what your subparaa means?"
No. I don't."
"What do you know about deals?"
"I heard that the Republicans were to get half the patronage if Porter was confirmed, but there didn't seem to be anything definite about it, although that would be entirely satisfactory. Miller had better be mightly careful with his charges against the Aldermen. There are two or three men in the Board who could be very dangerous to him if they told what they knew. I hear that he has been mixed up in some extensive deals himself."
"I am pledged to Thompson, but I think the year will slip away before any name is acted on. I guess that is what Miller wants."
Mr. Miller had come to a standstill in his office by 4 o clock. He said:
"There is no use asking me questions. I have positively refused to talk to any one about the matter. I think it would be unwise to do so."
What truth is there in the reports that public officials are to be hauled over the coals?"
"The report published in The Sun this morning is substantially true."
The reporter asked if the alleged bargain was for the benefit of the alleged candidate mentioned by Mr. Scott.
"Positively no," said Mr. Miller. "He is not concerned at all."
"Did you get an injunction?"
"I will not answer that."
"Alderman Waite says that two or three of the Aldermen would be very dangerous to you if they should talk. He hinted that you had tried your hand at extensive deals."
"Indeed? That is amusing. I wish you would publish it."
"Will there be some definite news to-morrow?"
"Perhaps."

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"From other sources it was learned that several members of the Citizens' Association are behind Mr. Miller in the movement, but to just what end they have invoked the investigating power of the Cannd Jury could not be more definitely learned.

The Missing Coul Company's Cashler, CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-The missing cashier of the Chicago, Wilmington and Vermillion Coal Company, Charles E. Stephens, is still at large, and the detectives

Charles E. Stephens, is still at large, and the detectives who are following him have no clue to his where shouts. They believe that he had taken refuge in some Canadian town and perhaps gone to Europe. Mrs. Stephens has not heard anything from her husband, and professes to be completely in the dark as to his movements. He left her and his daughter almost penniess. The investigation so far shows that the amount of the embezzlement is over \$10.80. It is claimed that a considerable amount of it was lost in speculation on the Board of Trade. Lives Lost at a Fire. MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—The farm house and barns of Benjamin Bufresne at St. Martin's, near here, were burned this morning. Mrs. Dufresne, aged So years, and a boy of 3 years were consumed while at tempting to excape. The remainder of the household escaped by the skylight in their nighthresses, and had to walk to a neighboring house two inter away in the anow and with the thermometer 15° below zero. They were all badly frozen. One of the girls will not recover.

A furga of Lime on Fire.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 26.-The schooner Ada F. Whitney of Thomasion, with a cargo of 3,000 harrels of lime, for New York, arrived yesterday P. M. Cant. North reports that he discovered the cargo to be on fire vesterday morning, when twenty five noise east southeast of Thatcher's island. He has sealed the vestering and will endeavor to stiffe the fire.

Moonshiners Killed in Self-Defence,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26,-The Commissioner of Internal Revenue to day received a telegram from Agent Lofland, at Gainesville, Ga., saying that the Coroner's jury in the case of the two moenshiners who were killed recently in an attack on revenue officers near charlesville had returned a verdict that the killing was done in self-defence.

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ACTORS THREATENED BY A MOB.

The Marston Comedy Company Besieged in CLEVELAND, Dec. 26 .- A company of stroll-

ing actors, known as the Harston Comedy Company, gave a performance last night at Kent, forty miles south of this city. The Opera House was well filled with speciators. In the gallery was a large crowd of hoodlums bent on breaking up the show. There was some misunderstanding between the two young men forming the clog-dancing team, and when only one of the dancers appeared the crowd in the gallery hooted and yelled. This demonstration frightened the other members of the company, so that when the serio-comic as to be out of voice. The gallery gang groaned again, and by their boisterous conduct drove most of the ladies and the respectable portion of the audience out of the hall. The owner of the

most of the ladies and the respectable portion of the audience out of the hall. The owner of the hall sent out for the police. When the curtain went up again and a negro comedian stopped to the footlights the hall was a perfect bediam, and his voice was drowned by the racke.

The curtain went down, and a performer, stepping before it, announced that owing to the rowdylsh conduct the performance would not proceed. This fired the disturbers into a fury, and, raising the cry that they wanted their money refunded, they made a break for the stage. A local expressman, a physical giant, and his brother, of aqually imposing physique, with a few friends headed the mob off, and gave it out that if any violence was done to the show people it would be over their dead bodies. The expressman and his brother have the reputation of being able to clean out the town single handed, and the mob momentarily fell back.

Meanwhile the performers were in the dressing rooms packing trunks, and expecting every moment that the meb would tear down the walls and fall upon them. Some of the performers were armed with pokers, others with revolvers, and others with whatever they could lay their hands on. The athletic expressman and his following surrounded the show people as a body guard, and conducted them in safety through the crowd to the hotel, but they found that the mob had preceded them and taken possession. The rabble were particularily desirous of laying their hands on the manager to make him refund. One ringleader gave it out that he and ha posse would lynch the manager at 5 o clock in the morning, and be at the train for the rest of the performers. The manager had however, escaped undiscovered with the receipts, about \$70. The members of the troups left Kent for Cleveland on the mik train between 5 and 6 o clock this morning. Assistant Bishop Henry C. Potter received more yearlunded, they made a break for the propel it would be over their dead bodies. The people it would be over their dead bodies. The properson and his brother have the reputation of being able to clean out the town slugie.

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The Daty News this morning devotes a special article to the decision of the powers to Ignore the proposals of England relative to Egyptian finances. This attitude, the News asserts, is prompted by Prince Bismarck, who is irritated at Mr. Gladstone's polley, and desires to overthrow his Cabinet. Prince Bismarck, the News says, wanted England to annex Egypt, and thus enable Germany to pursue her colonizing policy unhampered. France and Austria willingly support Prince Bismarck in this matter, for they consider England's attitude in Egypt as a check to the annexations of territory which they intend to make in other quarters of the globe.

The Luderitz (German) expedition to Angra Pequeña announces that enormous finds of corner have been made in that district, and that the land is extremely valuable. It asserts that the annexation of Walfisch Bay and adjacent territory by England is not injurious to German trade.

The Journal des Debats of Paris takes the American delegates to the African Conference to task for proposing that the Congo country shall be neutral territory. It expresses profound gratification that the Frence delegate, Baron de Courrel, prevented the adoption of this proposal, and proclaims the question now dead and harried.

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The Independence Lelge of Brussels*says negotiations looking to the resulting the New Hebrides Islands by Great Britain to France will soon be concluded. The islands in question are in the Parile, not far to the east of New Caledonia.

The Paris Temps is in favor of Haly and Germany founding colonies on the Red Sea equally with England. It says that France it sists upon the inter's claims to the Bay of Adulia.

Madrid and the Southern Provinces Sanken-Buildings Wrecked and Lives Lest.

MADRID, Dec. 26.-Two shocks of earthquake were felt here yesterday. The shocks were also felt in Gibraltar and were severe in Andalusia, where a number of towns suffered severely. At Granada the houses rocked vioiently and the earth trembled. The inhabitants were greatly alarmed, and fied panicstricken from their homes to the fields. Some
were wounded by falling bricks, but no one was
killed. A number of buildings were badly damaged. In Malaga the shock was more disasreously felt, many houses being wrecked. Two
nersons were killed by falling walls and a number wounded. Many families deserted their
homes and camped in the open squares and in
the fields outside of the town. Fainter shocks
occurred at intervals during the night which
increased the alarm of the people. To-day
large gaugs of men are at work among the
ruins of the wrecked buildings searching for
the bodies of missing persons. Already a
number of bodies have been recovered. In
Madrid the damage was slight, but the shock
was sufficiently felt to frighten the inhabitants.

Another shock was felt here to-day. Two
houses were slightly damaged. Some alarm
was caused by the shock at the Opera House
and in the populous quarters of the city.
An official in the Velez telegraph office was
killed. It is reported that several other people
were killed there. One person was killed and
many were injured at Motril. The village of Albuncuelas, in Granada, was nearly destroyed.
Slight damage was done in the cities of Seville
and Granada.

Spain Will Assent to Medifications. tants were greatly alarmed, and fled panic-

Spate Will Assent to Modifications.

MADKID, Dec. 26.-The Spanish Government MADKID, Dec. 25.—The Spanish Government will empower Senor Valera, the Minister at Washington, to assent to modifications of the pending Hispano-American treaty, if such shall be necessary to insure its ratification by the American Senate. As the treaty now stands it is proposed to admit free into America sugars and above No. 18, Butch standard. Spain, however, will allow the treaty to be modified to the extent of admiting free only sugars up to class 13.

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Cambodia Under French Protection. Panis, Dec. 26.-M. Blancaubé, Deputy for Sechin China, has submitted to the Hue Committee of the Chamber of Deputies a telegram from Saigon which says that king Sorndom of Cambella has again signed the treaty of peace with France, placing his kinglom under French postedion. This action makes the valid-ity of the treaty incontestable.

Paris, Dec. 26.-The Catholic missionaries

Hestility to France in Anam.

Tanis, Dec. 20.—The Catholic Missionaries in Tonquin complain that the court at flue, capital of Anan, has not furified its promise to make reparation for the massacre of Christians, which occurred some number ago. The correspondent of the Tranca and lisned says the court is strongly hostile to France, and he advocates a clean away of officials at flue. Defatention and Suicide.

VIENNA. Dec. 26.—Josef Zenari, manager of the Discenut Hank of Caralola at Labach, detaleated 70.500 floring. When about to be arrested in the bank to day he committed suicide with a pistol. Sporting Notes.

McCaffrey and Billy O Brien, his manager, will go to San Franciscs to try to make a match with some pugilist of the Pacific slope.

Prizes will be given to the first and second in the walking and running races that will occur this evening at Wood's Arthelic Grounds, Brookyn, E. D. at the benefit tendered to Thomas F. Delaney, examateur five inite champion. tendered to Thomas I. Denney, as a more and champion.

Billy Foley, the light weight puglist, who has not and defeated Billy Graham of Hariem, and sheeney Joe, has been matched by B. H. Benton to fight Jack Hopper, who has wan three grove contests in a about time, for \$200 a side. The battle will take place in private.

size a side. The faith whit has place in private, the rese Rocks, the exchangion middle weight pugilist, who has been on a terr with the Dominica ReCarrey combination, returned to this city yesterday from this age. The company distanties there. In sociating of the cause, Rocke said: "It was not altogether due to poor houses, but there were too many managers. In some of the large cities and towns we showed to good paying houses, but at the small towns we barely paid expenses. We could have keep right on and made money fader proper management."

VOWED TO A MONKISH LIFE BISHOP HUNTINGTON'S SON FOR-

SWEARS MARRIAGE AND RICHES.

Assistant Bishop Potter Mecelves an Episco pai Ciergyman's Vows to Live in Religious Poverty, Chastity, and Obedienes In the chapel of the Mission of the Holy Cross of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Sixteenth street, opposite Stuyvesant square st a recent private celebration of the Holy Com-munion in which the Bishop of Tennessee. Bishop Huntington of central New York, the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix of Trinity Church, the Rev. Arthur Ritchie of St. Ignatius, and the Rev. John W. Shackelford of the Church of the Redoemer took part, the Rev. James O. S. on himself the vows of the Order of the Holy Cross. One clause of the profession runs as

I desire for love of Jesus to devote myself body, sont. and spirit, to the service of Almighty God in the religious hife as a member of the Order of the Holy Cross, and to that end to take upon me of my own free will the vows

Assistant Bishop Henry C. Potter received the profession, and asked the following:

The Bishop-Do you solemniy and forever surrender

Peaceful Orunge Parade.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 26 .- A despatch from Harbor Grace states that the Orange demonstration passed off quietly. The procession, composed of about 1,000 persons, passed through the principal streets of the city annolested. The River Head men, with a green flag, head their own citadel. The Orangemen alestaned from intrusion on Catholic ground. The thooly memory of last St. Stephen's Day, reinforced by a war ship and a formidable police force, effectually prevented any hostific demonstration. Soon after the procession passed through Pippy's Lane, the spene of last year's sangularry conflict, the Riverhead men, numbering hundreds, followed, but University with a large body of mounted and infantry poince kept a safe interval between the antagonistic parties until the Orangemen reached their hall. The city is at present tranquil.

No Blockade on the Northern Pacific. St. Paul., Dec. 26.—The officials of the North-ern Pacine Railway dety the published report that the road is blockaded, and that all the mails have been ordered to Portiand via Sau Francisco. They say that the snow blockade is on the Oregon Railway and Navigation Commany's lines, and that the Northern Pacific is and has been continuously open from St. Paul to Walling Junction, and trains are running regularly. A large force of men are endesvering to open the Gregon Rail-way from Walling Junction to Portland, and also on the Oregon short line division.

LOCKPORT, Dec. 26 .- Two young Lockport

bloods a coesied in mashing two chorus giris of the Wilhur opera troups here yesterday, and went behind the scenies ast might to see them but were ordered out to Sanager Wilhur. They met the girls after the show, hook them out riding in a back to Wright's Corners and on their return were met by jedious mile licenteers of the troups and treated to a severe pounding. Their ciothing was hadly torn, their plug hats smashed, and their eyes blackened. The Navy Department Investigation.

appointed to the vestigate the system or making purchases for the bursaus of the Navy Department has submitted to the Secretary of the Navy a report which save that no discrepancies of any moment have been found, and the Court has no reason to believe that any dishonest practices similar to those in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery have prevailed in any of the other bureaus.

WASHINGTON, Duc. 26.—The Court of Inquiry

appointed to investigate the system of making purchase

Mr. Randall's Southern Trip. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Representative Ran dail will leave to morrow afternoon on a visit to a num-ber of Southern cities. He will be in Louisville Monday Nashville Tehn Tuesday and Wednesday; and hirmingtom, Ala. Friday II possible he will stop at the tatanoon next saturday Mr. Randali will probably a becompanied by Mrs. Randall and Representative BeAdon of New Jersey.

Freezing Weather in Virginia. PETERSHURG, Dec. 26.—Snow foll here all last night, and it is still showing this morning. The weather is very cold, and many pumps and hydrants are frozen

If a woman's face is her fortune, then Campbell's Sul-phosana Lation is a boon to ladies with faulty complex-ions, restoring all the vividness and glow of youth with-out imparting the functions of the skin. St. Bruggers

BEPLOSION OF AN GIL TANK. fonces Middled no Though by Cannon-Sixts

ELMIRA, Dec. 26 .- One of the two 30,000barrel oil tanks at West Junction, five miles from Elmira, exploded this morning, and both tanks were soon a seething mass of flames. The shock of the explosion was felt in Elmira,

The shock of the explosion was felt in Elmira, in many cases dishes being thrown from shelves and mirrors broken. No one was seriously hurt, although the houses near the tanks were badly damaged, being riddied as though by cannon.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western depot, 1,000 feet nway, was badly damaged by the force of the explosion, as well as the Eris depot 600 feet away. A house about 250 feet from the tank was completely wrecked. The windows and doors were blown in and every rafter broken, yet the two women who were in the house escaped without injury. Saveral Erie cars which were waiting to be loaded with oil were burned. The Northern Central Railway track was covered with burning oil which consumed the ties and warped the rails out of shape. The fire is still raging, and the loss will not fall short of \$100,000.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

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FRIDAY, Dec. 26.

Considering that the Stock Exchange was open for business an hour less than usual today, the figures of the transactions show that the volume of trading was fully up to, if not above, the average to which the street has of late become accustomed. The transactions, however, were as a rule quietly made, so that the market had the general appearance of dulness, and, in fact, was practically at a standstill in the enry afternoon. The opening was heavy with prices from is to is Peant, below the closing figures of Wednesday. Values gradually approached a lower level with the Vanderblit stecks, and Western Union leading. The steady accumulation of official figures showing the coustant failing off in the income of the first-named companies appeared to be sufficient to account for the desire to sell their stocks, while the reduction in rates which the cable companies in which the Western Union is both directly and indirectly interested have decided to make in view of the competition of any lines seemed to be sufficient to account to the competition of any lines seemed to be sufficient or account for the desire to sell their stocks, while the reduction in rates which the cable companies in which the Western Union is both directly and indirectly interestived have decided to make in view of the competition of any lines seemed to be sufficient or any lines account to the retrieve the sellent to account to the retrieve of the competition of any lines account to the retrieve the sellent to account to the retrieve of the competition of any lines account to the retrieve the sellent to acco that 18300 a year, so there can be no danger of the Guitre. The Best of the Library of the Library of the Library of the future.

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redemption, \$608,000.

The Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange listed to day the \$1,226,500 of new guaranteed special stock of the Pittsourgh. Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railroad Company issued in accordance with the terms of the settlement recently made with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. This makes the total amount listed \$9,626,500.

amount listed \$9.626,590.

The special committee on revision of the by-laws and constitution of the Stock Exchange reported to the Governing Committee to-day amendments making the Presidency of the Exchange a salaried office and fixing the pay at \$10,000. The proposition will be discussed at the next meeting of the Governors, and will doubtless provoke a very lively debate. With the view of avoiding further and special legislation upon the subject, the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange decided today that hereafter the Exchange will not open until 11 o'clock on mornings after each legal holiday, and on Mondays in June, July, August, and September.

The Broadway National Bank has obtained from the Comptroller of the Currency the necessary certificate approving the extension of its existence for twenty years, from Dec. 29.

its existence for twenty years from Dec. 29.

The Oregon and Transcontinental Company will announce to-morrow that the \$10.000.000 collateral trust ican of the company has been taken. The amount of the old loan of \$5,000, 000 has been reduced to \$7,500,000 by the taking up of some of the collateral by the note-holders. The funds necessary to take up the outstanding notes will be provided for by Jan. I, and the baiance of the new loan will be raid into the treasury of the company later on, according to the exigencies of the company. About one-half of the new loan has been taken by the stockholders and old note holders and the rest by Drexel, Morgan & Co. As the utmost exertions of the officers of the company were not successful in placing the entire amount with the stockholders and others directly interested in the company, a commission of 25 F cent. has been allowed the bankers, and the same will also be given to the subscribers to the first \$5,000,000.

The Pelaware, Lackawanna, and Western

also be given to the subscribers to the first \$5,000,000.

The Delaware. Lackawanna, and Western Raiiroad Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 2 F cent., payable Jan. 20. No detailed report of the operations of the company was furnished in connection with this action, but President Sloan made the statement to the directors who declared the dividend that the company earned 9.27 F cent net upon the capital stock during the first eleven months of the year, and that for the year the net income would doubtless be fully 11 F cent.

The opposition of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to the plan of allotment proposed by the anthracite coal interests has caused considerable discussion in Philadelphia, and, it is the ught, may lead to the failure of the combination. It is said that the committee appointed to arrange the allotments to the several companies has not yet obtained such data that a final consultation can be ordered. The Read-

ing Company is averse to entering the combination unless the Pennsylvania Railroad Company becomes a party, but the latter corporation has declined to submit any statement. As
official of that company said to-day that if any
proposition should be made upon which other
similar interests are agreed, and which seems
to be free from objection, it would receive immediate and careful consideration and reply.
The committee of three to arrange the allotment will meet in this city to-morrow. It has
not been able to agree upon any one plan, and
probably three separate reports will be made,
which will be considered by the coal Presidents
at a meeting which may be held to-morrow,
and certainly not later than the middle of nextweek. The committee is composed of Mossrs. at a meeting which may be held to-morrow, and certainly not later than the middle of next week. The committee is composed of Mossrs, Gowen, Hoyt, and Harris.

The report that the Messrs, Astor and Mr. Legrand B. Cannon have sold a large amount of their stock in the Delaware and fludson Canal Company is, we have good authority for saying, untrue. Mr. Cannon has sold no stock at all, and the Astors still hold altogether about 9 000 shares.

New York Market FRIDAY, Dec. 26. - FLOUR AND MEAL - Wheat

May: mild coffees selling very fairly, including 2.000 bags Insunava, p. t.; 1.500 pleuts Padang, 1416. Raw sugars tall and pominal at 45, 44%c. for fair to good rathing; refined quoted at 05,22%; for crushed and 55, for standard "A." Teas quiet but firm.

Paradacus—The speculation in crude certificates confirmed duit and a further decline took place, opening at 74%c. selling innecisately at 75c. but declining to 75%c., and so closing; sales 4,500,000 bbls. Clearances, 0,000,000 bbls.

casses of mutton.

Receipts of sheep and lambs for two days, 9.520
head. Sales were very slow at a reduction of about 4ge,
\$\frac{1}{2}\$ B. on all sorts of sheep. Lambs were searce and firm.
Common to good sheep sold at 3% \$\frac{1}{2}\$ \$\frac{1}{2}\$. \$\frac{1}{2}\$ \$\frac{1}{2}\$. common

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Ship Comet, Siegener, Lendon.

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Bark Vidonia, Bavis, Pernambueo.

ARRIVED OUT.

Sa Suovia, from New York, at Hamborg Thursday,
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Sa Ems. from New York, at Southampton Thursday.

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Blair's Pills. Great English Gout and Rheumatis lemedy. Oval box \$1; round 50c. At all druggists. McCann's Hollday Dress Hats, \$3,90; closs

BACON-CROOK-On Wednesday, Dec. 24, by the Rev. Henry Mettet at the Church of the Holy Communion. Walter II. Bacon of Bridgeton, N. J., to Mary J. Crook of New York city.

HEYDT-DIEHL—On Dec. 25, by the Rev. Jules W. Gever, Frederick Heydt to Catherine C. Diehl.

JOHNSON-MILLER.—On Wednesday, Dec. 24, at the Rev. Central Congregational Church, New York by the Rev. William Ljoyd. L. Lewis Johnson of New York to Lizzie A. Miller of Whitestone, L. I. McPHERSON-WOODS,—On Wednesday, Dec. 24, by the Rev Richard J. Keiffe, Robert J. McPherson of Philadelphia to Miss Charlotte Woods of New York.

DIED.

to the general depression was Louisville and Nashville, which closed fractionally higher.

Closing prices compare with those of Wednesday as follows:

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